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For: **EXTRACTANT FOR PALLADIUM** )  
**AND METHOD FOR SEPARATION** )  
**AND RECOVERY OF PALLADIUM** )

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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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- b. JP 6-172882: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.
- c. JP 10-102156: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 1 of the present application and the figures therein.

d. JP 3-22402: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 1 of the present application and the figures therein.

e. JP 7-310129: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 1 of the present application and the figures therein.

f. JP 8-158088: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 1 of the present application and the figures therein.

g. JP 63-14824: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 2 of the present application and the figures therein.

h. JP 1-30896: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 2 of the present application and the figures therein.

i. JP 9-279264: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 2 of the present application and the figures therein.

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		8-27527	Jan. 30, 1996	Japan			Abstract	
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